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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Among those interviewed by the Dallas police in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy was Joe R. Molina, at that time an employee of the Texas School Book Depository. Molina's house was searched early on the morning of November 23 by Dallas policemen and he was told to report at police headquarters in midmorning. He spent some five or six hours at the police station and before leaving signed a statement concerning his affiliation with an organization called the American GI Forum. While Molina was in the police station, Dallas police officials told the press that he was being interrogated in connection with the assassination, that he had a subversive background, and that the Dallas police had material on him in their subversive file. Other allegations were also made against him. Molina was not formally arrested or charged. According to a radio broadcast over Station KNUS on November 23, 1963, Molina may have been identified by the Justice Department as a possible subversive. The same radio news report also stated that "Molina has a long record of being connected with suspicious organizations."

Will you please investigate this incident and inform the Commission of the following:

1. Did the Justice Department or any of its agencies have a file on Molina and give the Dallas police department any information concerning any subversive activities by him?

2. Did the Dallas police department have a file on Molina and any alleged subversive activities by him?

3. What are the facts of the police search of his home and his "voluntary" detention at the police station during much of Saturday?

4. What is the nature of the American GI Forum? Is it considered a subversive organization?

5. Was there any connection between Molina's loss of his job at the Texas School Book Depository and the publicity concerning him that appeared on television and radio and in the newspapers?

6. Did Molina have difficulty in finding another job because of this adverse publicity?

7. Did the Dallas police ever make any effort to correct the allegations made against Molina and the suspicions of Molina voiced in the press?

Molina has been the subject of two previous FBI interviews--DL 89-43, Dallas, Texas, November 23, 1963, and DL 89-43, Dallas, Texas, November 30, 1963.

Your continuing cooperation with the Commission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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